GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL SAND MINING FROM RIVERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal sand mining, quarrying and stone crushing on a large scale has been carried out in river-beds across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year; State-wise;

(c) whether such activities have resulted in widening of river-bed pollution, change of course of the river and other environmental challenges which causes catastrophe;

(d) if so, the details alongwith ecological and environment impacts thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.